

HVRA

Harbord Village Residents' Association [harbordvillage.com](http://harbordvillage.com)

Stuart Lawler

*Celebrating the 2022 HVRA Fall Fair, in-person again!*

## Chair's message

Anne Fleming

Although the spectre of Covid is still with us, life in HV has resumed a sense of normality, with kids attending school in person, new businesses bravely

opening, festivals returning – and lots of road construction! As I come to the end of my current term as Chair, the last two years were certainly a learning experience. During this time, our board only ever met virtually, yet still managed to effectively be of

service to HV, assisting residents in navigating city offices, leading clean-ups, and keeping residents informed of goings-on. I hope to bring renewed vigour to another two-year term – I invite your ideas for making this community one you're proud to live in.

## HVRA Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 7–9 p.m.

**Meeting info and registration link:** [bit.ly/3fywj9J](https://bit.ly/3fywj9J)

Join us for our 2022 Annual General Meeting! We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be former MP and Ward 20 Councillor Adam Vaughan. We will also conduct regular business, hold board elections, and hear from our local representatives. There will be breakout rooms for Area Reps to lead discussions of issues important to each area of Harbord Village. Finally, we will honour our most recent Community Builder Award winners.

This is a great way to meet your neighbours, find out what is happening in your community, contribute and be involved. All are welcome to attend, but only paid-up HVRA members will be able to vote – so be sure to renew before the meeting! (Check the HVRA website sidebar for information and a live link to the meeting registration: [harbordvillage.com/](http://harbordvillage.com/), and invite your neighbours to join!)

# HVRA membership

Elizabeth Chen

As the old American Express commercial said, memorably, membership has its privileges. Joining HVRA has many.

## Why join HVRA?

At our recent Fall Fair, I was delighted to hear the reasons that people engage in HVRA. Many mentioned their willingness to invest a small amount of money (membership is only \$10/year) to help make our neighbourhood more functional and enjoyable. Some saw the membership fee as a contribution in lieu of volunteering. Several cited membership as a way to gain information on their interests, such as heritage and gardening, and others saw it as a small cost for staying informed of issues that might affect them. I joined 18 years ago to support the efforts of a group of passionate neighbours with like-minded values of inclusiveness and liveability.

If any or all of these strike a chord with you, please visit [harbordvillage.com/membership/](http://harbordvillage.com/membership/) or see the back page of this newsletter to sign up.

## Why an HVRA membership fee?

One of the most common questions I encountered was why money is needed at all since HVRA is led and run entirely by volunteers. However,

there are many small expenses that add up, such as:

- Event execution cost for Fall Fair, PumpkinFest etc.
- Newsletter & eblast production & delivery
- Website hosting and development
- Project admin costs
- Donations (e.g. FY Food Bank, Farmers' Market)
- Meeting speakers' honoraria

For a full list of expenses, visit [harbordvillage.com/about/financial-statements/](http://harbordvillage.com/about/financial-statements/).

## What's my renewal status?

If you haven't renewed your membership during Covid or are unsure when you last renewed, just ask your friendly neighbourhood membership secretary Elizabeth Chen: [membership@harbordvillage.com](mailto:membership@harbordvillage.com)!

## What can \$10/year get you?

7 cups of coffee



or 3 streetcar rides



or

A better neighbourhood, including but not limited to:

- connections with neighbours
- sharing info, resources, stuff
- sharing experiences, music, laughs
- community cleanups
- community safety
- more greenery and better maintained parks
- gardening tips and encouragement
- help and info when you are sick
- fundraising for local charities like the food bank
- celebrating the seasons and holidays together



Get an HVRA membership, for the most bang for your buck!

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# Area reports

## Northwest

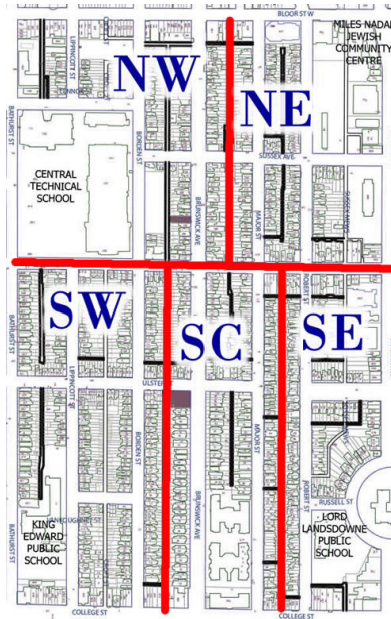
Kerry Clare & Christian Mueller

This area is unique in that one thing alone takes up most of the space: the Central Technical School. And things always seem to be happening there ... or nearby. For years Sally Bird Parkette has been a popular student hangout. The Central Tech parking lot across from the school has undergone extensive resurfacing, with just two sides left to be finished. This development has the potential to attract more users to come to the running track and playing field, thus increasing traffic volume in the area. To end on a positive note, the CTS Community Swim returns to the indoor pool on Saturdays 2–4 p.m. starting in October, date TBA.

## Southwest

Jane Perdue & Robert Stambula

There's been much construction during the summer and into the school year, with the King Edward School landscaping and open space improvements. HVRA continues to represent the neighbourhood, advocating for public accessibility of the large park area after school hours. We've also been involved in the TTC's infrastructure improvements along College Street, where public transit detours are anticipated until December. We continue to assist neighbours with community responses to the Committee



of Adjustment and seeking clarification from the Rooming House Commission.

## Southcentral

Susan McDonald & Simon Coleman

The Kensington Health hospice expansion project is now complete. Brunswick residents were pleased to see hoarding removed and gardens restored with newly planted trees and landscaping.

Local SC reps worked with the City Councillor's office and Transportation Services to remove several accessibility parking spots on Major that were no longer being used.

There are ongoing road safety concerns with cyclists and e-bikers on sidewalks and riding the wrong way on Major.

The City will install a long-overdue pedestrian crosswalk on the south leg of Brunswick and Ulster this fall. Residents are

petitioning the City to expand this to markings on all four legs of the intersection due to increased traffic from the contra bike lanes.

## Northeast

Nicolas Provart & Frank Davis

The community green space on the northeast corner of Robert and Sussex was well used by the community over the summer, and the "Ninoododadiwin" mural, by artist Mike Ormsby, is now complete. Per an agreement with the university, no dogs are allowed on the Robert St. field. Construction continues on two projects: the university's Spadina-Sussex residence has reached the second storey, while the new rental building south of 666 Spadina is approaching grade level. Consultations have begun for a new 600-m<sup>2</sup> City of Toronto park north of 666 Spadina.

## Southeast

Gina Buonaguro & Cathy Merkley

Spring and summer brought much normalcy back to the southeast. Flowers bloomed, construction continued apace, the cafés started to hop again, restaurants and their patios were busy, and work began on renovating the former Flock to its new incarnation: a French restaurant set to open this fall (look for solar panels to be installed on the roof!). This September it's been lovely to see Robert St. full of children walking and cycling to Lord Lansdowne.



# HV events: Something old & something new

2022 saw the in-person return of old favourites plus some new events

## Spring clean-up

Kerry Clare

The HVRA Spring Clean-Up arrived along with proper spring weather on Sat., April 30, thanks to volunteers Stuart Lawler, Anne Fleming, Karen

Laurence, and Lena Mortenson, who rallied around after I got Covid and had to miss it. Lots of other neighbours also showed up to pitch in, and the streets and alleyways around Harbord Village received a proper sprucing-up for spring. After the work was done, everyone returned to Margaret Fairley Park for treats from Harbord Bakery, generously donated by Neil Wright and the Harbord Street BIA. Thanks also to CAFE Dispensary for donating grippers left over from their own clean-up a few weeks earlier – now that we have a large supply of these devices for future events, anyone with back problems doesn't need to miss out on the fun! See you next year.



Anne Fleming

## Farmers' Market

Gus Sinclair



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By the October 19 season end, the Bloor Borden Farmers' Market will have completed its 15th year. That is a real milestone! But there are two developments affecting how this Harbord Village fixture runs in the future. The first is the Toronto Parking Authority (Green P) lot renovation starting this fall. This will include resurfacing and the installation of e-chargers for e-vehicles, which will affect the layout of the last three markets in October. The second development involves some personnel changes (some volunteers are retiring from active duty), which will result in the market being managed differently in as yet undetermined ways. Nonetheless, the market will be back in 2023. More info at [bloorborden.com/](https://bloorborden.com/). See you next year!

## Spring Meeting

Anne Fleming

Our Spring Meeting took place on May 25, via Zoom. The highlight was an eye-opening talk by arborist Todd Irvine about how to preserve our precious tree canopy. Even those with brown thumbs were fascinated to learn the secrets of tree maintenance. Attendees were shocked by the condition of parts of the canopy but were invigorated to take action to foster this important resource in the face of climate change. Councillor Mike Layton addressed a number of residents' concerns, and we awarded the Community Builder Award to the Friedman family. Minutes from the meeting are available on our website: [harbordvillage.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/HVRA-Spring-General-Meeting-2022-for-approval.pdf](https://harbordvillage.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/HVRA-Spring-General-Meeting-2022-for-approval.pdf).

## Harbord Spring Artisan Studio Tour

Anne Fleming

HVRA was thrilled to help the Harbord BIA run its first Spring Artisan Studio Tour on June 4, highlighting the various art-related businesses along Harbord, including Spence Gallery, Clay Design, and Central Tech's art department. Between these and the many cafés and shops, live music, student art show, and chalk drawing, community members were able to enjoy the many delights Harbord Street has to offer. Many thanks to all the volunteers, BIA members, and, of course, Neil Wright for creating the first of what we hope will be many wonderful street events to come.



Anne Kerekes

Central Tech art students offered art lessons

## Wiener's 100th anniversary party

Anne Fleming

The Wiener's Home Hardware 100th anniversary celebration on June 18 was a big success. On a sunny Saturday, many locals gathered to celebrate the Wiener family's long-running continuous proprietorship as well as the occasion of Marty Wiener's retirement and the business's subsequent takeover by daughter Melanie. Historical photos on display at the store were complemented by a drawing created live by Lynn Dalgliesh that captured attendees' memories of the store and what it has meant to people at every stage of life. Pizza, cake, speeches, lively music, and a plaque presentation from the City to the Wiener family made for a memorable afternoon.

Many thanks to Brian Burchell of the Bloor Annex BIA, Lynne Dalgleish of the Annex RA, Wiener's manager Howard Pressman, the Victory Café, the



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Lynn Dalgliesh's neighbourhood appreciation poster

musical performers, and all of our volunteers for helping create a fun and touching salute to this family-run neighbourhood staple. You can read more about the party (and the history of Wiener's) on the ARA site: [www.theara.org/news#wiener's](http://www.theara.org/news#wiener's).

## PumpkinFest

PumpkinFest will be back "in person" on November 1! After 2 years of socially distanced and virtual events, we'll celebrate again on Harbord Street. More details to come.



# Fall Fair 2022 makes a triumphant in-person return

Christian Mueller & Anne Fleming for the HVRA Fall Fair Committee

It wouldn't be September without the Harbord Village Fall Fair. For two years, however, we've been unable to hold one due to pandemic restrictions that prevented us from gathering together, even outdoors.

That's no longer the case, so once again the first Sunday after Labour Day became a day for rejoicing in Margaret Fairley Park. Although no official attendance was taken, there appeared to be more people than ever joining in our seasonal celebration. Check out the photos of everyone enjoying themselves!

The days leading up to the fair promised mild weather, which was just about perfect for this time of year. Naturally that contributed to the high turnout. In particular, the children's play area seemed to overflow at the height of the afternoon – perhaps a reflection of how many young families have moved into this area in the past three years.

Our newly acquired Square Credit Card Reader allowed us to take electronic cashless payments, but otherwise it was an endearingly low-tech affair, with positive vibes all around.

The festivities included several musical acts, from the rousing Enchanting Steel Band to Annex Academy of Music students. St. Stephen's made kids smile with beads and face paint. NAGs Players, Harbord Village Gardeners, Net Zero Committee,



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*Feline Groovy and other great entertainers and volunteers helped make our first in-person Fall Fair in 3 years a wonderful event!*

and the Heritage group engaged attendees.

Local businesses came through with a trove of generous donations to the raffle and silent auction, despite two years of hardship. The bake sale table was loaded with tasty treats from (secretly) talented HV bakers. Newly re-elected MPP Jessica Bell made a few comments, while outgoing Ward 11 Councillor Mike Layton bid farewell, praising the efforts of residents and the residents' association to advocate for a better neighbourhood.

We were thrilled to welcome so many new volunteers and look forward to giving them more opportunities to get involved. Once the park had been cleaned up, Her Father's Cider Bar hosted a volunteer after-party, which was much appreciated!

Many thanks to the organizing team: Anne Fleming, Christian Mueller, Kerry Clare, and Gus



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*Volunteers Joanne, Janelle, and Francesca*



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*Leslie Thompson demonstrates HV Heritage*



Sinclair (in his last year before retiring from the fair after 20 years of service). Thanks as well to all our donors and the Harbord Street BIA for their ongoing sponsorship. And of course, it wouldn't have been possible without all of the volunteers who helped out. Please keep that in mind when you think ahead to the fun you're sure to experience at future Fall Fairs.

### ***Thank you to our corporate donors***

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*The Real Deal closes out the afternoon*



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# Making climate-friendly home improvements

Tim Grant, chair, HVRA's Net Zero committee

Did you know the federal government and City of Toronto provide generous rebates to homeowners who install climate-friendly equipment such as heat pumps and solar panels? For example, the federal Greener Homes program provides a \$5,000 rebate on a heat pump, and the City provides an additional \$2,500. Eligible heat pumps cost \$10,000 to \$17,000, so these rebates provide a healthy discount!

In addition, both levels of government offer low-interest or no-interest loans to finance these and other expensive items. This means you don't have to wait until you have enough money in the bank to invest in measures to lower your home's carbon footprint and make it more comfortable in winter and summer. The repayment of the City's loans is tied to property taxes, so if you sell your house before the loan is fully repaid, the future owners take on the final payments. Learn more on the Net Zero page of HVRA's website: [harbordvillage.com/projects/netzero-carbon-project/](http://harbordvillage.com/projects/netzero-carbon-project/)

Here are some important updates since the spring newsletter:

- Induction stoves: According to Best Buy, at least 37 households took advantage of the \$300–\$800 discount we negotiated to purchase



Susan McDonald and David Booz answer questions at the Bloor-Borden Farmers' Market

an induction stove. Our own surveys suggest that well over 100 homes now have them.

- Heat pump water heaters: These are 3.5 times more efficient than electric water heaters and can help dehumidify damp basements. (They also expel cool air, so you want to be careful where you install them.) They cost \$2,800+, but are eligible for a \$1,000 rebate from the Greener Homes program. Stay tuned for further discounts we're negotiating.
- Webinars to learn more about heat pumps, induction stoves, and e-bikes; also the financial

incentives and loans from governments: check the Net Zero page and share with your friends.

- Low-income residents left out of the Greener Homes program: millions of Canadians can't afford to buy items like heat pumps and wait for a later rebate. We have highlighted this to our MP Chrystia Freeland's staff because we need the government to meet its carbon-reduction targets.
- We can't recommend give contractors or vendors: we are volunteers, not professionals, and it is preferable for homeowners to do their own research.

Tim Grant



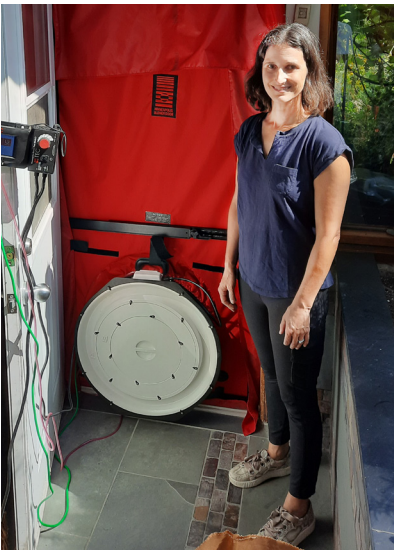
- Volunteers needed: Does climate change motivate you? If so, contact us. Our Net Zero committee has many activities and many roles to fill, one of which may align with your interests and preferences at [netzero@harbordvillage.com](mailto:netzero@harbordvillage.com).

Tim Grant



Homeowner Lee Adamson is very pleased with her heat pump water heater

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Goldfinch Energy's Trish Long prepares to start a blower door test, a vital part of an energy audit

## Gardening to fight climate change: Take the Carbon Pledge

Nicole Schulman

We're facing a climate emergency and it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But we can fight climate change in many ways – including in our yards and along our boulevards. How many of these things can you do? Make a plan and make a difference!

### 1) Plant a tree to draw carbon out of the air:

Grown to maturity, a small tree stores up to 376 kg of carbon, a medium tree 511 kg, and a large tree 3,350 kg. Also, shade trees can cool your house in the summer and reduce the need for AC (which has a carbon cost).

- If you haven't got a tree in front of your house, ask the City to plant one (it's free) [www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/trees/tree-planting/](http://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/trees/tree-planting/).
- If you've got space in your back, you can get subsidized trees for your back yard through the LEAF program [www.yourleaf.org/homeowners](http://www.yourleaf.org/homeowners).

### 2) Become a tree guardian and protect the trees we've already got:

Our urban trees are very stressed, so if we want them to live we need to protect them.

- Pick a tree and make sure it gets enough water, especially in times of drought. If you can redirect

your downspouts to guide rainwater to its root zone, do!

- Plan your garden to respect the root zones of existing trees. Avoid digging into them.
- Speak out for the trees. Construction is hard on trees, but the damage can be mitigated by properly installed protection zones. Unfortunately, unscrupulous contractors may avoid installing them, or ignore them. If you see construction without a tree protection zone, or one that is being ignored, call 311 to report it.

**3) Go peat free:** Protecting precious peatland habitats, which are the largest land carbon store and havens for biodiversity, will also help reduce flood risks.

### 4) Make your own compost:

Every 1 kg of home-made compost saves 0.1 kg fossil carbon. It also reduces the amount of fuel that the garbage trucks must expend picking up compostable materials.

### 5) Pull up a paving slab (1 m<sup>2</sup>) and grow perennial plants to maturity:

Herbaceous perennials (lawn grasses and non-woody plants) draw 3.21 kg carbon/m<sup>2</sup> out of the air, shrubs 19.54 kg, and trees 40.38 kg.

**6) Plant for pollinators:** Help slow and reverse declines in bees, butterflies, moths, hoverflies and other pollinators by growing a wide variety of plants including a mixture of native, near-native and exotic plants to support pollinator biodiversity.

Carbon pledge stats are adapted from the Royal Horticultural Society's guidelines.

## HV gardeners branch out

Margaret Procter

Our group of local gardeners and garden-lovers just keeps growing. Since 2015, we have met at Kensington Gardens each June to share seedlings and gardening tips. That led to several outreach projects and to group walks to admire local gardens. During the pandemic we switched to porch-pickup of plants and seeds, and more frequent online newsletters and ever-expanding website. This spring, to avoid risking transferring jumping-worm eggs with our homegrown seedlings, we found other ways to convene. In May, Michael McTavish gave us a Zoom talk by about the weird ways of jumping worms (available on YouTube, [youtu.be/HiaX3B5Z\\_UE](https://youtu.be/HiaX3B5Z_UE)). In July, we met in person to admire three in-street planters (more coming soon!). In August, we walked with Todd Irvine to follow up on his talk to the HVRA Spring meeting (also on YouTube, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3U8Ulr6Ss\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3U8Ulr6Ss_o)) to learn how to see trees the way arborists do. More than 30 people finished the tour knowing why mature trees are valuable and why bad pruning matters. At the Fall Fair, the Gardeners' table focused on how to mitigate climate change, giving away pollinator-friendly plants and seeds.



Janice Dembo

## Planning report

Sue Dexter & Carolee Orme

Proposals for five developments within slingshot range of the corner of Bloor and Spadina will transform the neighbourhood. The combined population increase is greater than the Mirvish Village Development to the west.

**Site 1:** 334–350 Bloor St. W., northwest corner, approved 35 storeys, 114 m height, 422 units, on 3,729 m<sup>2</sup> site.

**Site 2:** 320–332 Bloor St. W., northeast corner, proposed 37 storeys, 114.9 m height, 366 units, 2,217.3 m<sup>2</sup> site.

**Site 3:** Madison, approved at 29 storeys.

**Site 4:** University of Toronto flanking UTS on the west, under design, two towers, 29 storeys on Bloor, 22 on Spadina, extending south to abut houses on the north side of Washington, 7–800 units of graduate student housing plus academic offices and a private-sector business component.

**Site 5:** 425 Bloor St. W., Metro supermarket site, encompassing the store and the southern portion of the parking lot to Sussex Mews Laneway, approximately 1500 m<sup>2</sup>. At present, the development site does not include the two Bloor-facing properties at 415 and 417 Bloor St. W.

The rezoning application is close to submission. For reference, the Mosaic building, constructed in 2004, has about the same footprint, is 20 storeys and has 273 units.

Having been through the process before on the northwest corner, 425 Bloor West GP Inc. developers have a general understanding of community concerns, and they are aware of the HVRA community's close relationship to the site. After submitting their application to the City to get the rezoning process underway, the developers will have a special meeting with residents to hear our concerns and ideas on the proposal.

425 Bloor West GP Inc. will be seeking development approvals to intensify the property including retail and residential uses. Once the submission has been filed with the City of Toronto, engagement will commence with the local community. The





Potential new developments: (1) 334–350 Bloor St. (2) 320–332 Bloor St. (3) Madison Ave. (4) U of T near UTS (5) 425 Bloor St.

same development team that worked on 350 Bloor St. W. is undertaking the redevelopment. The current Metro grocer will continue to still actively “serve the community.”

HVRA will participate in discussions and will facilitate the special community meeting with the developers. Development on this site will open discussions on affordability, rental or condo, and what improvements we might see in the public realm. On other recent developments, the City has sought wider sidewalks and some setback from the property line which could improve Bloor St. If loading could be located off Sussex Mews Laneway, this could restore Robert Street to boulevard, but it needs to also accommodate

the delivery and pickup from the JCC daycare. Heightened Green Standards will be applied and HVRA would encourage this project to link to the University of Toronto’s geothermal installation on the Robert St. field, which might provide heating and cooling to the building.

With three developments at the planning stage, now is the time to secure improved public realm, adequate traffic and transportation infrastructure, potential community space, and sort other issues related to density, to handle the increased population. A four corners study has been mandated by Council, but City Planning has not yet begun work.

**CTS Community Swim is back!** Saturdays, 2–4 p.m., 725 Bathurst Street, Door 16 at Lennox and Lippincott

Central Tech School Pool is opening for aquatic fitness and fun in October. Qualified lifeguards on duty at all times. \$3 per person.

CTS also loves to host birthday parties! Contact them at [centraltechpool@gmail.com](mailto:centraltechpool@gmail.com).

Thank you to Razor Management Inc, Central Tech Stadium, and CTS Community Swim patrons for their generous donations and support.

# Please support our one-of-a-kind local businesses

## Food

Akai Sushi  
Almond Butterfly  
Bagel Time  
Bambot Tea House  
Belly Busters  
Bistro 422  
Bombay Roti  
Burger's Priest  
Burrito Bandidos  
By The Way Cafe  
Chuan Noodle  
Cora Pizza  
Country Style  
Crafty Coyote  
Cuppa Tea  
Daily Dumpling Wanton  
Deepizz Pizza  
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Istanbul Shawarma  
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Kenzo Ramen  
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Kinka Izakaya  
Knockout Chicken  
La La Bakeshop  
Lebanese Garden  
Little Jerry  
Magic Noodle  
Major Treat Coffee  
Manic Coffee  
Matha Roti  
Mean Bao  
Metzcalero  
Mi'Hito Sushi  
Mi Taco  
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Yogurty  
Zaad Mediterranean

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Alternative Arts  
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Annex Hotel  
Annex Photo  
Augusta Pharmacy  
Bakka Phoenix Books  
The Barber Shop  
Bloor Dental  
Beguiling Comics  
BMV Books & Cafe  
Boom She Said  
Canada Computers  
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Xbox Barbers Lounge



## Mapping accessibility in Toronto

Lee Adamson, Green Neighbours  
Network of Toronto

Have you been hit by a cyclist while crossing an intersection? Have you ridden a bike when a pedestrian steps into a bike lane in front of you? Are there barriers on sidewalks that make navigating them difficult? If you answered any of these questions in the affirmative, there are two national programs that want to hear from you:

**WalkRollMap.org** is a crowdsourcing tool for mapping micro barriers to accessible walking and rolling. You can map obstacles in your way, or a missing amenity. Mappers can also report if they've been hit while walking or rolling, had a near miss, or a fall. The TransformTO Net Zero Climate Action Strategy aims for 75 per cent of school/work trips under 5 km to be walked, biked or taken by transit by 2030. To reach this goal we need accessible communities and safe sidewalks. Help your local community by mapping the barriers you face when walking or rolling in the city.

**Bikemaps.org** is a similar tool for mapping safety concerns and bike thefts. The more that safety hazards facing those who walk, roll or cycle are reported, the more leverage citizen groups will have in seeking improvements.

## Community Builder Awards Fall 2022

Gus Sinclair

### Todd Irvine



Todd Irvine arrived at the HVRA Spring Meeting in May of 2022 to give a talk on how to make trees thrive in the City of Toronto. Never has a discussion of tree pruning and soil maintenance been so galvanizing! Attendees were totally bowled over by the impassioned and meticulous reasoning on how it needs to be done and isn't being done. As a follow-up, Todd provided a guided tour of local streets to many HVRA members to show the current disarray of trees improperly pruned and suffering for it, as well as to celebrate several thriving examples of the HV canopy.

Todd has provided a huge service to Harbord Village and is hence so deserving of the Community Builder Award.

### Matt Hoffman



Matt Hoffman is your ideal citizen. He quietly, and regularly, volunteers for the Annual Cleanup and for community events such as the Fall Fair and PumpkinFest. Further, he helped organize the Covid Delivery Network in HV. Most importantly, he has been instrumental in the work of the HVRA Net Zero Committee by providing analysis of surveys and of various Net Zero projects. Matt was the guest speaker at the 2021 AGM, presenting eloquently on the work of the Net Zero Committee. And it is all done with a easygoing smile as if to say, "Aw! It's really nothing."

## HVRA committees

### Board search/ nomination

Find at least one candidate for each vacant board position before the AGM.

### Communications

Oversee the newsletter, website, e-blasts.

### Gardening

Enhance HV with personal and public gardening initiatives.

### Heritage

Document and preserve the unique architectural history of HV.

### Membership

Grow and nurture HV membership.

### Parents' consultation

Focus on issues of interest to area parents.

### Safe Streets

Work on community-based solutions for pedestrian safety related to traffic.

### NetZero Carbon

Help homeowners reduce their carbon footprint.

To learn more or join, contact [search@harbordvillage.com](mailto:search@harbordvillage.com).

## HVRA Board 2021–2022

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Name ..... ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Address .....

Telephone..... Email .....

Please check one:

- ☐ Voting member (individual) \$10
- ☐ Enthusiastic member \$20
- ☐ Fanatical member \$50

Payment can be made online at [harbordvillage.com/membership](https://harbordvillage.com/membership).

Or mail a cheque payable to *Harbord Village Residents' Association* at HVRA, PO Box 68522, 360A Bloor Street West, Toronto M5S 1X1.

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